

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

September 15, 2023

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Date: 09/06/2023 **Internal Memo #: IM23-014(CD)**

To: Mayor and Council

Circulated to: Mayor and Council

Department: Community Development

Division: Building

From: Tanya Gies, Chief Building Official

Subject: Building Division Permit Statistics Jan 01 – June 30, 2023

Comments

This memo provides building permit information including:

- The number of permits issued, broken down into detailed categories in accordance with the classifications in the Ontario Building Code.
- The construction value of permits issued.
- The number of new residential units permitted between January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023; and
- A comparison of this information to previous years.

Key Findings

- The total number of building permits issued between January 1 and June 30 is 904 compared to 795 in 2022 and the average of 731 between 2018-2022.
- The construction value of permits issued between January 1 and June 30 is \$262,414,772 compared to \$209,565,113 in 2022 and the average of \$189,620,303 in the same time frame between 2018-2022.
- The number of permits issued for new residential units between January 1 and June 30 is 493 compared to 496 in 2022 and the average of 418 in the same time frame between 2018-2022.

Financial Implications

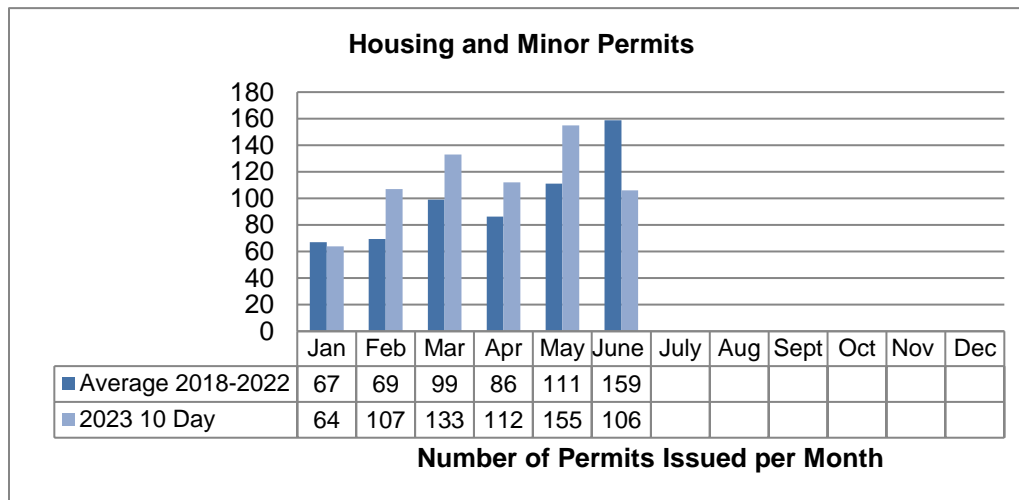
- As of June 30, 2023, \$3,229,105 had been collected in building permit revenue, which represents 86% of the 2023 annual budget for permit revenue.
- Permit revenue is collected and recognized at the time of permit submission and does not correlate to the permit revenue for permits issued.

ANALYSIS:

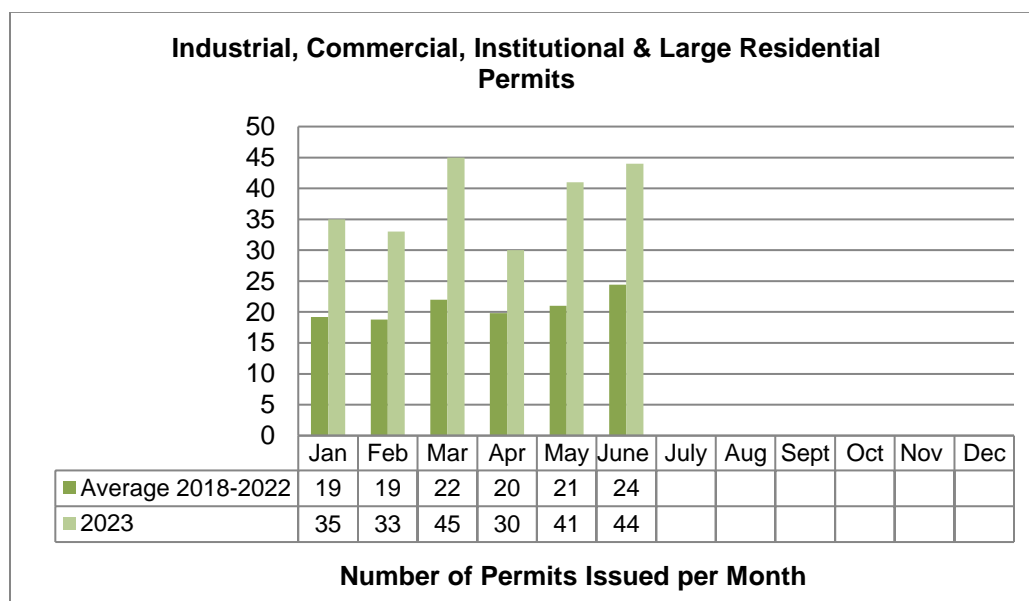
The statistics for the first half of 2023 show an increase in construction activity in comparison to the average construction activity over the same timeframe in the previous 5 years.

A comparison of the number of permits issued from January 01 to June 30 of 2023 against the average number of permits issued in the same timeframe over the previous 5 years is as follows:

Housing and Minor Permits (Category 1 - 10 Day mandated turn-around time) were above average in February, March, April, and May and were below average in January and June.

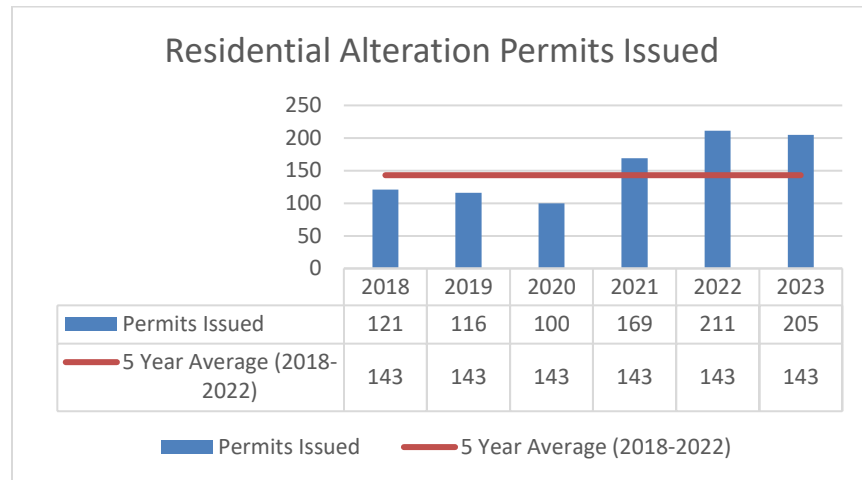


Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Permits (Categories 2, 3, and 4, 15, 20 and 30 day turn-around times) were above average in the first six months of 2023. In 2023 we have seen an increase in alteration permits for office and commercial renovations.



Residential Alteration Permits issued:

205 residential alteration permits were issued between January 01 and June 30, 2023, in comparison to 211 in the first half of 2022, and the average of 143 permits issued over the same period from 2018-2022.



New Accessory Residential Units (ARU's) Permitted:

111 new accessory residential units were permitted between Jan 01 and June 30 of 2023. This is in comparison to 54 ARU's permitted in the first half of 2022. There has been an increase in ARU's permitted as a result of relaxed zoning requirements which came into effect June 29th of 2022.

Attachments

1. IM23-014(CD) Building Permit Statistics Report Jan 01 – June 30, 2023

Approvals:

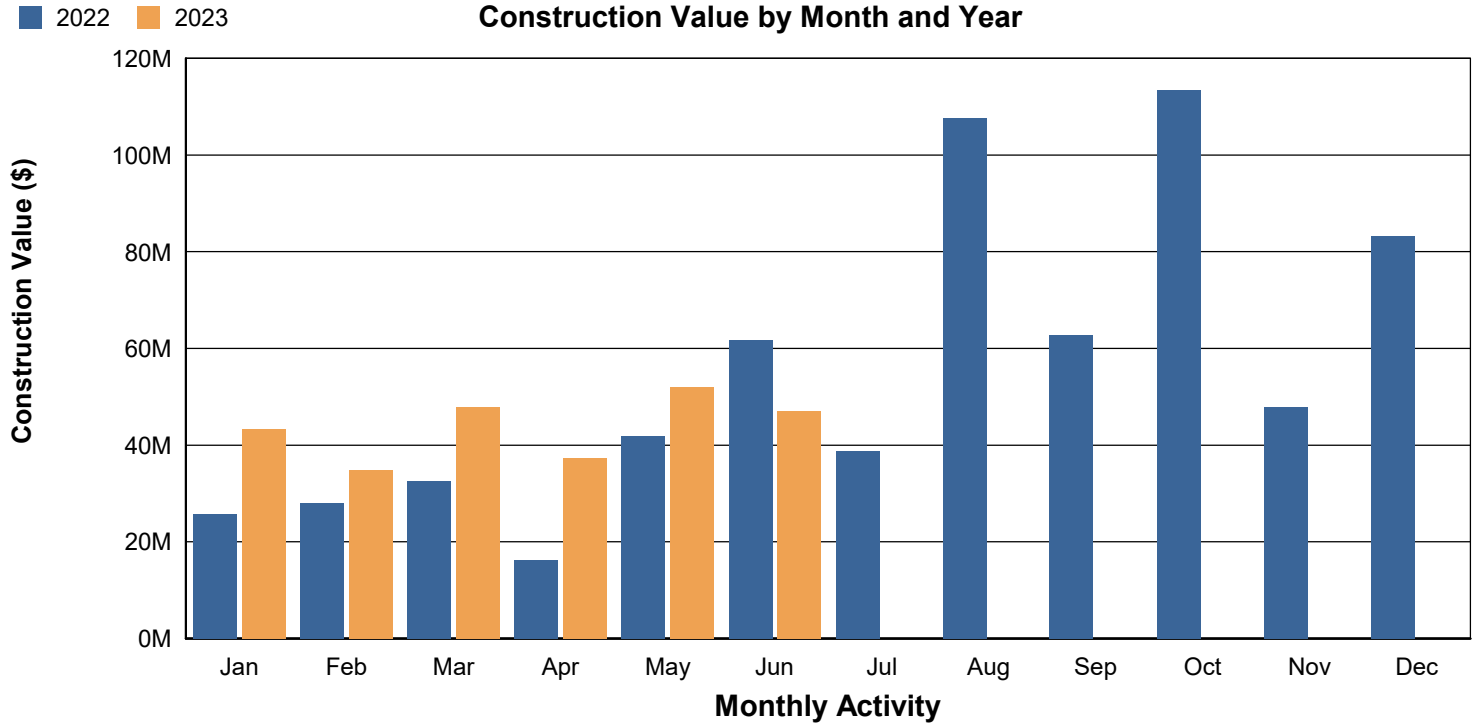
☐ Manager/Supervisor
 ☒ Deputy City Manager
 ☒ City Manager

Building Permits Statistics June 2023

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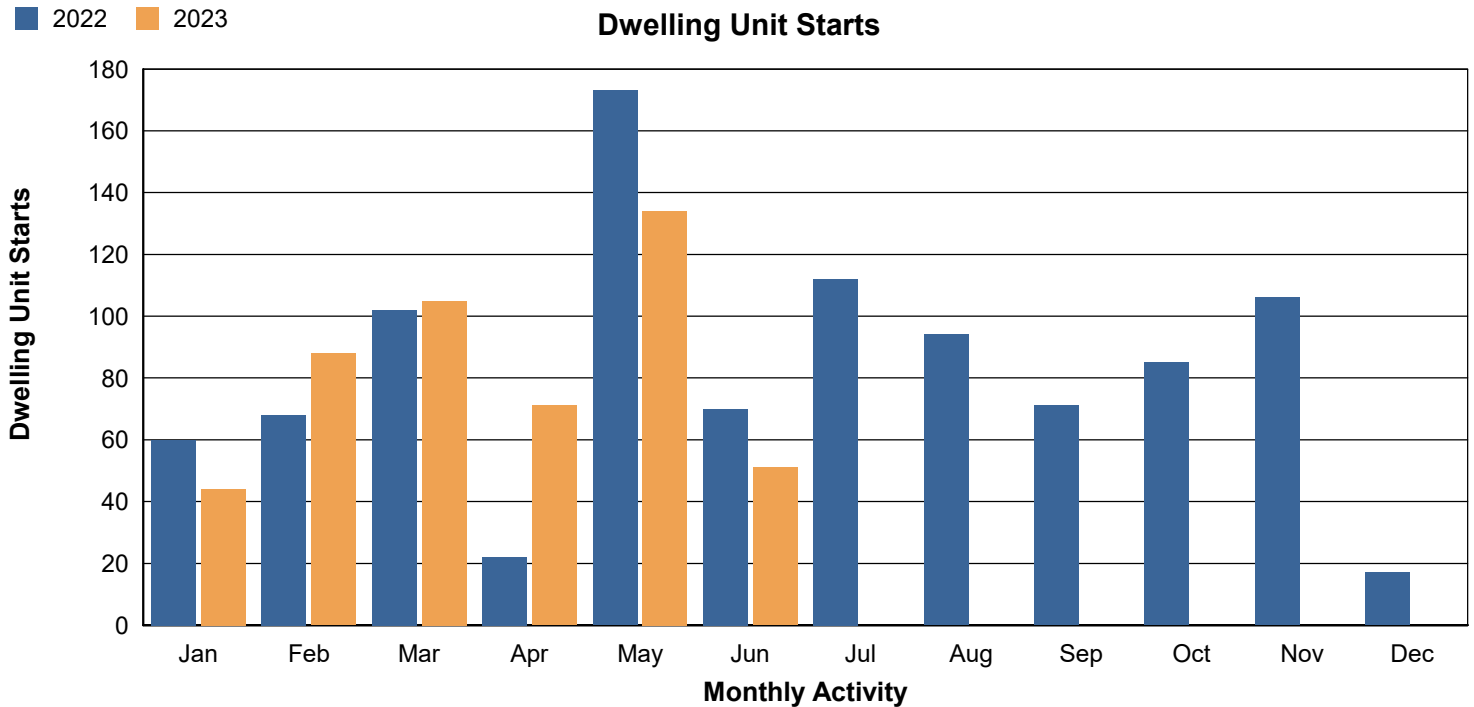
**904 Permits Issued Year to Date
Total Construction Value of \$262,414,772**

Construction Value by Month and Year



June 2023 - 51 Units Started

Dwelling Unit Starts



Building Permits Statistics June 2023

PERMITS ISSUED JANUARY TO JUNE							
		2023			2022		
Classification	Description	Permit	Value	Units	Permit	Value	Units
Residential	New House	158	89,704,274	152	79	28,358,629	78
	New Townhouse	196	63,963,481	230	134	40,440,570.00	213
	Low Rise, New-Add-Alt	1	52,000	0	2	1,250,000	0
	High Rise, New-Add-Alt	0	0	0	6	30,520,000	151
	House - Alteration *	205	15,374,051	107	208	12,995,106	51
	Deck/Porch	44	881,691	0	78	1,213,424	0
	Accessory Structure	22	1,208,000	4	40	3,284,260	2
	Foundation Only	0	0	0	1	2,300,000	0
	Total	619	171,183,497	493	546	120,361,989	495
Assembly	Alteration	13	5,356,000	0	15	8,269,000	0
	New/Addition	4	14,100,000	0	2	2,195,427	0
	School Portable	1	8,800	0	0	0	0
Institutional	Alteration	0	0	0	1	150,000	0
	New/Addition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office/Personal Service	Alteration	37	3,809,999	0	14	3,140,290	0
	New/Addition	1	2,000,000	0	4	0	0
Commercial	Alteration	29	5,202,662	0	15	3,728,999	0
	New/Addition	0	0	0	2	2,650,000	0
Industrial	Alteration	18	18,856,509	0	17	11,928,282	0
	New/Addition	6	19,600,000	0	11	45,650,000	0
	Total	109	68,933,970	0	81	78,933,483	1
Other	Agricultural Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Change of Use	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Conditional Permits	8	16,638,065	0	1	100,000	0
	Demolition	11	261,225	0	17	658,000	0
	Designated Structures	13	1,665,896	0	11	1,168,657	0
	Foundation - Non Res	0	0	0	2	1,240,000	0
	Miscellaneous Permits	18	2,039,047	0	14	2,127,396	0
	Permanent Signs	44	256,899	0	36	426,527	0
	Plumbing Only	76	1,409,173	0	74	1,256,366	0
	Temporary Tent	4	27,000	0	6	32,233	0
	Total	176	22,297,305	0	161	7,009,179	0
Grand Total		904	262,414,772	493	788	206,304,651	496

* New units created through a House Alteration permit includes:
 - Secondary suites
 - Division of single detached to duplex
 The new unit # indicated the number of newly created units.



City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Stratford
clerks@stratford.ca

August 30, 2023

Re: Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 30th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Council of the City of Stratford regarding Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct:

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'P' of correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

Office of the Town Clerk

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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk', written in a cursive style.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

September 7, 2023

Sent via E-mail
mantond@cambridge.ca

The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson St
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Danielle,

At its regular meeting held August 29, 2023 the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed a motion of support with respect to the following resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge on May 9, 2023:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood supports your position in this matter and trusts Council's support may be beneficial in your pursuit.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Deputy Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood



SENT VIA EMAIL

September 6, 2023

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Dear AMO:

**RE: Correspondence received from the Township of Cramahe,
dated June 29, 2023, re: Amendments to the Highway
Traffic Act Our File: T02**

Works Committee, at its meeting held on September 6, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

“That the correspondence received from the Township of Cramahe, dated June 29, 2023, regarding amendments to the Highway Traffic Act be referred to Council without a recommendation”.

Please find attached the resolution from the Township of Cramahe for your information.

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S. Ciani,
Committee Clerk

sc/

c: Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Patrice Barnes, MPP, Ajax
Todd McCarthy, MPP, Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
Jennifer French, MPP, Oshawa
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering/Uxbridge
Lorne Corne, MPP, Whitby
All Ontario Municipalities
R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner of Works



Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	July 03, 2023 8:52 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Cramahe Township Council Resolution

June 29, 2023

Sent via Email

Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
Northumberland - Peterborough South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Cramahe passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 20, 2023 regarding the Highway Traffic Act Amendments.

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

Seconded By: DEPUTY MAYOR ARTHUR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the City of Cambridge resolution; and
THAT speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community; and
THAT speeding can occur in all areas of our community; and
THAT barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community; and
THAT our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and
THAT our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and
THAT s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT, the Township of Cramahe request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as

The Corporation of the Township of Cramahe

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determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the City of Cambridge Council Resolution, dated May 10, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at nhamilton@cramahe.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Hamilton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Hamilton
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
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mantond@cambridge.ca

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulroney,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council


Agenda Number: 10.2.
Resolution Number 2023-173
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #4
Date: August 9, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on June 21, 2023 requiring all stop arm cameras on to be installed and paid for by the Province on all school buses for the start of the 2023-2024 school year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Attorney General Doug Downey; the Ministry of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



MAYOR

June 21, 2023

Office of the Premier of Ontario

Sent via email

To Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Resolution # 2023-475

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the June 21, 2023 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

That the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Rick Byers MPP, AMO, Bluewater District School Board, Grey County Warden and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy-Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Attorney General Doug Downey,
Minister of Education Stephen Lecce,
Provincial opposition parties,
Rick Byers MPP,
AMO,
Bluewater District School Board,
Grey County Warden
and all municipalities in Ontario.



MEETING MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Number (No. 03-23)

Virtual Meeting

Thursday June 15, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance: Paul Brown, Melissa Onafrychuk, Derek Roy, Filip Ivanovski, Geoff Furlong, Tony Schmidt, Thomas Sandor, Mohummid Sayanvala, Brian Kennedy, Councillor Corey Kimpson and Councillor Sheri Roberts

Members Regrets: E. Martin, K. Brough and C. de Villiers

Staff Members in Attendance: James Goodram, Trevor McWilliams and Ingrid Borges

Guest: Bill Elliot, Rebecca Godfrey, Hildegard Snelgrove and Chris Hokansson

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via Zoom Video Conferencing. P. Brown welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Derek Roy

Seconded by: Filip Ivanovski

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –
Wednesday May 10, 2023

CARRIED

Agenda Items

a) Presentation – CQNS – Economic Development Review and Action Plan (EDRAP)

Using a PowerPoint presentation, B. Elliot discussed the following in detail: Introduction of the Consulting Team, The Project, Stages, Research, Stakeholder Engagement, Development, and Actions. A copy of B. Elliott's presentation is on file with Economic Development.

Following the presentation discussion ensued regarding the process, what has been completed to date, key performance indicators (KPIs), tourism, impacts/concerns, and next steps. The consulting team shared some preliminary feedback from the different stakeholder interviews and surveys surrounding inflation, workforce, and affordable housing. Committee members provided feedback on the surveys and further input can be sent to CQNS directly. City staff have created a webpage for all information pertaining to the EDRAP including the Public Information Centre that will be taking place on Wednesday June 28, 2023. It was noted that CQNS will appear before EDAC again prior to the final report going before Cambridge Council.

b) CATF Application 01/23

T. McWilliams advised that the application submitted by the Cambridge Sculpture Garden requesting funding for a proposed project has been formally withdrawn. Some of the other funding was not approved therefore, the project could not move forward.

c) Hybrid Meetings

EDAC will be taking a summer recess for the months of July and August unless a special meeting is required for the Economic Development Review and Action Plan. The meetings will resume in September with the potential of moving to hybrid meetings beginning in October.

Councillor's Update

Councillor Kimpson shared that a motion regarding "Public Outdoor Drinking Fountains" was introduced at the May 30, 2023 Council meeting. Staff to provide a recommendation on installing a public drinking fountain in the core area(s).

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Zoom Call

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Derek Roy

Seconded by: Filip Ivanovski

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 5:52 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair

Paul Brown

Chair's Name



Committee Liaison

Trevor McWilliams

Name of Staff member